

Small GROUP life @ Godspeed

At Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, the transforming power of community is most fully experienced in small groups. Grounded in the *Godspeed* Documentary and study guide, Small GROUP life invites us to do life together at “Godspeed”—the pace of relationship. In a large church, small groups create space for deeper connection, helping us slow down, become relationally present, and build authentic, Christ-centered community in the midst of a fast-paced culture.

Starting with Purpose

Healthy small groups begin with prayerful intentionality and clear communication.

Clarify the Why. Name the shared purpose of your group—whether fellowship, discipleship, evangelism, or service. Many groups will express more than one of these, but clarity creates unity.

Share Leadership. Begin with a leader and co-leader who shepherd the group together. Invite others to host, organize food, facilitate discussion, or coordinate service opportunities. When many contribute, the group feels less like a class and more like a family.

Planning with Simplicity

Set Clear Expectations. Choose a consistent meeting time and honor it. Rhythm builds trust.

Choose a Welcoming Space. Homes often foster warmth and authenticity, helping people feel known.

Start Relationally. In the early weeks, focus on shared stories, sermon-based discussion (using the Sermon Devo), and prayer. Depth grows naturally from connection.

Cultivating Healthy Community

Facilitate, Don't Lecture. Ask open-ended questions that invite participation. Guide conversation rather than dominate it.

Create Safety. Establish confidentiality and a culture of grace so people feel free to share honestly.

Be Quick to Listen. Scripture reminds us, “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak...” (James 1:19). Listening well creates space for authentic faith conversations.

Keep It Relational. Prioritize shared meals, simple hospitality, and unhurried conversation. Much of what matters most happens before and after the formal discussion—over coffee in the kitchen or in lingering one-on-one conversations. These are the moments where trust deepens and small talk becomes real talk.

Leading with Wisdom and Grace

Ask Thoughtful Questions. Move from warm-up, to observation, to application and implication. Prioritize life change, not just information.

Welcome Every Voice. Embrace silence. Gently draw out quieter members. Guide dominant voices with humility and care.

Affirm and Redirect with Grace. Encourage participation with gratitude and attentive body language. If confusion or theological error arises, respond with gentleness and follow up privately when needed.

Stay Rooted in the Word. Keep Scripture central and minimize distractions. Prayerfully seek how God is moving in each person's life.

Prayer at the Center

Pray for one another by name. Pray before, during, and after gatherings. Ask the Spirit to form Christ in each member and to shape your group into a living expression of the gospel.

Small Group life at CCPC is not another program—it is a way of being the Church together, at Godspeed, growing in love for Christ and one another.